

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Gallucci et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 27, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application to place the case in better condition for allowance.

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8 and 10-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 3, 12-14, 20, and 23 were previously withdrawn from consideration. No claims have been added or canceled in this Amendment. Claims 1 and 19 are currently amended. Therefore, claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15-19, 21, and 22 remain for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment. The claims have been amended as explained in the Remarks section. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.